New Board Members Announced

Trans-Miss Senior Championship Returns to Brook Hollow GC

Trans-Miss Mourns Loss of Past President

Trans-Miss Golf Association Awards Eight Scholarships
Dear Fellow Golfers:

As a new golf season is upon us, I am excited about the upcoming championship season and the opportunity to serve as the Trans-Miss President. This year the Trans will take our championships to three wonderful venues. Brook Hollow Golf Club in Dallas is the site of the Senior Championship on May 18-21; the Trans-Miss Championship will be played July 6-9 at Flint Hills National in Andover, Kan.; and the Honors Course in Ooltewah, Tenn., will play host to our Four-Ball Championship on Sept. 14-17. All of these clubs have wonderful histories supporting amateur golf and will do a great job in hosting these championships.

This past year the Trans-Miss Turf Scholarship Fund embarked on a new program which serves to continue and enhance our support of young men and women working towards a career as golf course superintendents. The Club Internship Program provided Trans-Miss member clubs with financial support to hire an additional intern to work on the clubs maintenance crew. These internships have proven to be invaluable both to the clubs in providing additional staff and to the interns as well. They provide hands-on experience from some of the best superintendents at prestigious clubs around the country. Your support through your clubs’ membership and your participation in Trans-Miss events supports this worthy cause.

I hope that you will encourage your club to join the Trans, apply for the internship program and come join us this year for some wonderful golf. Hope to see you on the links.

Truly,

Billy McBee
President
Trans-Miss Golf Association
In addition to incoming president Billy McBee, this year sees the addition of 10 Trans-Mississippi Board of Directors.

Brad Anderson is a restaurateur in Denver and a member of Denver Country Club, Prairie Dunes and Ballyneal. He’s played in several Trans-Miss events with Mike Vickers. Anderson has won club championships at Denver CC and Southern Highlands GC in Las Vegas.

Fred Daniel III grew up on the fairways of Southern Hills Country Club and played in numerous junior events, including the Junior World Golf Championship at Torrey Pines in 1977. He qualified for the U.S. Junior Amateur that same year and played in the U.S. Amateur in 1979. Daniel graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1982. In 1983, he was elected President of the Tulsa Golf Association and served for 10 years. He also served on the Oklahoma Golf Association board for many years in the late 1980s and early 1990s. He’s a six-time club champion at Southern Hills and in 2014 won the senior club championship there.

Bob Peel lives in Willowbrook, Kan., in a community of 72 people with its own nine-hole golf course. He’s worked with his father and brother for 40 years in the wholesale distribution business. He played golf at Hutchinson Community College for two years, then played at Kansas State University for two years. He’s been a member of Prairie Dunes for 41 years and is a recent new member at Flint Hills National.

Bryan Norton is a graduate of Oral Roberts University who lives in Mission Hills, Kan. He works in the insurance business for Lockton Companies in Kansas City. Norton has several club memberships, including Salina Country Club, Flint Hills National Golf Club, Mission Hills Country Club and Seminole Golf Club in Juno Beach, Fla. At the 1981 Trans-Miss Championship, Norton was runner-up to Robert Wrenn at Minikahda Club in Minneapolis. He’s a three-time Kansas Amateur Champion and was runner-up at both the 2003 U.S. Mid-Amateur and 2014 U.S. Senior Amateur. Norton won a national championship as a member of the winning Kansas team at the 2010 USGA Men’s State Team Championship.

Brent Brockermeyer is a sports agent and attorney in Los Angeles. He attended USC as an undergraduate before he graduated from Pepperdine School of Law. He’s a member of Lakeside Golf Club, where he recently won his fourth club championship. Brockermeyer has played competitively for 20 years, playing in numerous USGA, SCGA and CGA events, including multiple California State Amateur Championships and Trans-Miss Championships, SCGA Amateurs and George C. Thomas Invitational.

Andy Johnson is a corporate and New Board Members Announced
Transactional attorney in Tulsa. He graduated from Oklahoma State and received his Law Degree from the University of Oklahoma. He's a member of Southern Hills Country Club and currently serves on the Club's Board of Governors and Executive Committee. Johnson won the Southern Hills club championship in 2010 and 2011 and played in the 2014 Trans-Miss Championship at Southern Hills. He's a six-time finalist at the World Long Drive Championship with his best finish being fifth place in 1999.

Lawrence Field is the Founder and Managing Director of Cypress Energy Holdings, LLC, a service business that supplies oil and gas producers and pipelines in the U.S. and Canada. He graduated in 1982 from The University of Texas and was captain of the varsity golf team from 1980-82. Field won the 1976 Junior PGA Championship. He has won club championships at Tulsa Country Club, The Golf Club of Oklahoma, Southern Hills CC and Shooting Star Country Club in Wyoming. Currently he is a member of Southern Hills, Big Horn and Shooting Star. He has played in four Trans-Miss Amateurs and one Trans-Miss Four-Ball.

John McClure lives in Los Angeles and works in real estate investment for Hillwood Development Company. He graduated in 1982 from the University of Oklahoma, where played golf on scholarship. He is a member at The Los Angeles Country Club, Plantation Golf Club, Palms Golf Club, Vaquero Club, The Hills of Lakeway, Burning Tree Golf Club and El Dorado Beach Club. He made his Trans-Miss championship debut in 1977 and has played in many more throughout the years, including 2014.

McClure has also played in several national championships, including the U.S. Amateur five times, the U.S. Mid-Amateur 10 times and the British Amateur five times.

Bill Jackson graduated from Oklahoma State in 1973 and currently owns Woody Candy Company in Oklahoma City with his youngest son as partner. Previously, he was the CEO and controlling shareholder of Johnson Engineering in Houston, which was a prime contractor to NASA. Jackson has played in Trans-Miss events and 10 USGA events, four British Senior Amateurs and five Canadian Senior Amateurs. He and his family split time between Paradise Valley, Ariz., and Oklahoma City. Jackson is a member of Whisper Rock Golf Club, Paradise Valley CC, Oak Tree National Golf Club, Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club.

Jim Lehman is an attorney in Minneapolis and president of a sports management business that represents professional golfers. He has been on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Golf Association for almost 20 years and served as president in 2011-12. Lehman also has served on the board of directors for the Minneapolis Golf Club and Windsong Farm Golf Club.

**Trans-Miss 2015 Championships**

**Trans-Miss Senior Championship**
Brook Hollow Golf Club
Dallas, Texas
May 18-21

**112th Trans-Miss Championship**
Flint Hills National Golf Club
Andover, Kansas
July 6-9

**Trans-Miss Four-Ball Championship**
The Honors Course
Ooltewah, TN
September 14-17
Former Trans-Mississippi Golf Association president Mike Cavanaugh passed away April 26, 2014, after a brief hospitalization. He was 79.

A longtime board member, Cavanaugh was instrumental in helping the Trans-Miss acquire many coveted host sites, including scenic La Jolla Country Club just north of San Diego. Cavanaugh was a member at La Jolla CC, which has played host to four Trans-Miss Championships since 1989. Cavanaugh also landed La Jolla CC as a host of many Trans-Miss Board meetings over the years.

Born in Detroit, Cavanaugh went to high school there and completed his education at the University of Detroit. After he served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1954-56, he became an assistant golf professional at Milwaukee Country Club and Phoenix Country Club. Later, Cavanaugh became the head pro at West Bend Country Club outside of Milwaukee.

It was there where Cavanaugh met his wife, Alice Deimling, in 1967. Two years later, they moved to La Jolla, where he got into real estate and eventually started his own firm. He achieved great success as a developer and businessman.

His true passion, however, was golf. He became the president of La Jolla CC and held the same position twice with the Century Club of San Diego, which is the host group for the PGA Tour’s Farmers Insurance Open.

Known as the life of the party wherever he went, Cavanaugh had a contagious zest for life. He is survived by his wife Alice, son Michael and daughter-in-law Brooke, son Richard, grandchildren Katherine, Ryan and Henry, two brothers, Joseph and Patrick, and sisters Mary Alice Higby, Sister Sarah of Adrian Dominicans and Susanne Cavanaugh.

Board member and Ex Officio Steve Hatchett remembers Cavanaugh as the life of the party and the best emcee the association has ever known.

“He was our emcee extraordinaire,” Hatchett said. “He was a great, great joke teller and we always had him at any banquet or dinner we had or any event he attended. He was always the featured speaker. He was as good as anyone on TV. It will be pretty hard to replace someone like that who brought so much joy to everyone.”

-- The La Jolla Light newspaper contributed to this story.
In the 114-year history of the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association, no club has been more supportive of its mission than Brook Hollow Golf Club in Dallas. This spring, when the Trans-Miss Senior Championship returns May 18-21 to the historic A.W. Tillinghast-designed parkland course, it will mark the 11th time Brook Hollow GC has played host to a Trans-Miss event.

The individual stroke play event is scheduled for May 18-21. Seniors (aged 55-64) and Super Seniors (65-69) will play 54 holes. The Legends (70+) play 36 holes. Each division will play from separate tees with three individual champions crowned. The Seniors will play Brook Hollow from about 6,700 yards; the Super Seniors from about 6,500 yards and the Legends will play from about 6,200 yards.

Longtime head professional Simon Buckle said he and his membership are excited to once again host a major amateur event. Last June, the club played host to the 105th Texas Amateur.

“Brook Hollow has a rich tradition of supporting amateur golf,” Buckle said. “The club’s membership consists of several former USGA Executive Committee members, Texas Golf Hall of Fame inductees and champions of several major amateur events, including the 2004 USGA Senior Women’s Amateur Championship and 2011 Men’s Crump Cup Invitational.”

The Trans-Miss last came to Brook Hollow in 2011. The Trans-Miss Senior Championship at that time was played as match play, and Portland’s Chris Maletis defeated Robert Polk from Parker, Colo., 2 and 1, in the finals.

Brook Hollow has produced a number of popular champions, such as PGA Tour major champion Bob Tway, who won the 1976 Trans-Miss Championship, and Ben Crenshaw, a two-time Masters champion and member of the World Golf Hall of Fame. Crenshaw
won the 1972 Trans-Miss Championship at Brook Hollow. Texas Golf Hall of Fame member Don Addington, a member at Brook Hollow and father of Trans-Miss GA Executive Director Rob Addington, finished second to L.M. Crannel Jr. at the 1951 Trans-Miss Championship, also played at Brook Hollow.

“Amateur golf provides a competitive stage at the premier level to many of our current members,” Buckle said. “Hosting events such as the Senior Trans-Mississippi Championship this May provides us the opportunity to give back to the Amateur golf stage; the purest form of the game.”

Trans-Miss GA president and Brook Hollow member Billy McBee will be in this year’s field, and he’ll be joined by defending champion Jeff Burda from Modesto, Calif. Burda last year won the Trans-Miss at beautiful La Quinta CC in Palm Springs, Calif., by two shots over Dave Mooty of Eden Prairie, Minn.

Burda held a five-shot lead as he stood on the tee box of the final hole. He said he “tried to play it safe” with a water hazard up the left side of the fairway. Instead Burda got himself in trouble with an errant 3-wood that stayed dry but finished inside the hazard line. In the end, he made a triple-bogey but still won by two shots.

“I don’t dwell on that stuff,” said Burda, now 61 years old. “People remember who won, not the score.”

Burda came into last year’s Trans-Miss Senior on a hot streak. He won the Sacramento County Amateur the week prior, and previous to that he lapped the field by 10 strokes in taking the Southern California Golf Association’s Senior Amateur. He followed the Trans-Miss Senior title with second place finishes at the California Senior Amateur, George C. Thomas Invitational. He also advanced to the second round of the U.S. Senior Amateur.

He said he plans to play a similar schedule this year.

“I have a few titles to defend this year, which is nice,” said Burda, a three-time California Amateur champion.

Gary Shemano, the 2014 Trans-Miss Super Senior winner, also plans to defend at Brook Hollow. The San Francisco native is a Jewish Sports Hall of Fame member who caddied for Ken Venturi, the 1964 U.S. Open champ who enjoyed a long second career as a commentator and analysts for CBS Sports. Shemano once beat another famous Northern Californian and major champion – Johnny Miller – in an amateur tournament.

Shemano is a six-time gold medal winner at the Maccabiah Games in Israel. He most recently won gold in 2013 at the quadrennial Maccabiah Games, which are also known as the Jewish Olympics. He said winning the Trans-Miss Super Senior in 2014 was a pleasant surprise. He beat Sam Boyd from Kemah, Texas, on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff.

“I played in the tournament without any thoughts of winning,” said Shemano, a published author who turns 70 in early May. “I’m not as ‘tournament tough’ as I was when I was younger. Once I had the honor of getting to play the Trans-Miss, it stirred up those old competitive juices. Playing those three rounds made me feel much younger.”

Brook Hollow promises to challenge Shemano, Burda and the rest of the 144-player field. Designed by Tillinghast in 1920 just six miles from downtown Dallas, the classic track features tree-lined fairways with numerous doglegs and subtle movements that place a premium on driver accuracy.

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Tripp Davis and Associates in the fall of 2012 completed a full restoration of Tillinghast’s design. The job included re-establishing 18 bunkers that had been more or less “lost” over the span of the course’s lifetime. Davis also moved 16 bunkers to restore Tillinghast’s original angles into greens.

“Members and guests alike are extremely complimentary of the strategic focal points that Tripp restored to the A.W. Tillinghast routing,” Buckle said. “From tee to green, the restoration has amplified Mr. Tillinghast’s strategic elements within the routing that modern day equipment had removed from the course over the years.”

During the restoration, the course was lengthened to 6,752 yards. The players who score the lowest will be the ones who succeed in thinking their way around the tactic course.

“The course will play ‘sneaky long’ compared to previous years,” Buckle said. “The restoration forces players to play the doglegs as designed and not having the ability to challenge carry distances that additional bunkers and tee placements have provided. Our Director of Grounds, Ken Small, is excited to be hosting another major amateur championship. I have no doubt Ken will have the course in a championship condition that rivals any championship around the country.”
Penn State senior Sean Kelly was selected as the 2014 Vickers Scholarship winner, highlighting the class of eight collegians who comprised the most recent Trans-Mississippi Golf Association Turf Scholarship Winners.

Kelly received the highest honor – a $7,500 scholarship – as he completes his Associate’s Degree in Golf Course Turfgrass Management. He also receives an engraved medal and other gifts.

“It’s a great honor to be selected as the Vickers Scholar,” Kelly said. “With the large number of qualified applicants, it’s amazing that I was selected as the winner.”

Kelly holds a 3.91 GPA in Golf Course Turfgrass Management, a progression that has been bolstered by internships at two of the country’s iconic clubs: Whistling Straits and Shinnecock Hills. He didn’t start playing golf until the 11th grade. Once he started, however, he was hooked.

“I played on my high school team and recreationally all through college,” Kelly said. “That’s how I got started in Turf School. I just wanted to be on the golf course all the time.”

When Kelly graduates in the spring, he hopes to land an assistant-in-training position at a prestigious club.

Four additional students were selected to receive $5,000 scholarships. They include Michael Kennings, a Michigan State junior from Fenton, Mich.; Michael Medley, a University of Tennessee senior from LaFollette, Tenn.; Morgan Robins, a Penn State senior from Owen Sounds, Ontario, Canada; and Jordan Carbone, a Georgian College junior from Erin, Ontario, Canada.

Kennings received the W.D. McBee, Jr. Scholarship. He carries a 3.56 GPA in Crop and Soil Science and is a student member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). Kennings balances school with work at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden, Mich. There he has gained an array of experience in maintenance and agronomy.

Medley won the Francis Whittaker Scholarship. He has a 3.95 GPA in Turfgrass Science and Management.
Medley has worked at numerous golf courses across Tennessee and currently holds an internship at Quaker Ridge Golf Club in Scarsdale, N.Y., and volunteers at LaBar Golf Renovations, which is across the street from Winged Foot.

Robins received the Ron Moore Scholarship. He holds a 3.77 GPA in Golf Course Turfgrass Management and is a GCSAA student member and a member of the Georgian Bay Superintendents Association. Robins currently handles all the fertilizer and chemical applications at Capilano Golf and Country Club in West Vancouver, B.C.

Carbone received the Jackie Lee Scholarship. He has a 3.10 GPA in Golf Management Business, is a GCSAA student member, serves on the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council and is a member of The Penn State Turf Club. Carbone has worked at several prestigious clubs, including Baltusrol, Loch Lomand and Osprey Valley.

Three other students received $3,000 scholarships, including Christopher Notestine from Michigan State (Tom Crow Scholarship), Luellen Swayzer from California Polytechnic State (Jack Nicklaus Scholarship) and Matthew Herrmann from Penn State (Curtis Ford Scholarship).

In 2014 the Trans-Miss Turf Scholarship Fund initiated a new method of supporting students pursuing a career in turf management with the creation of the Trans Club Internship Program. Grants were provided to member clubs for the hiring of students as interns at the respective facilities. The experience provided for the students creates hands on experiences and under the watchful eye of some of golf top superintendents across the country.

This year the Trans provided thirteen Club Internship Grants totally $49,000. Those clubs include: Des Moines Golf & Country Club, Bel-Air Country Club, Crooked Stick Golf Club, Southern Hills Country Club, the Minikahda Club, the Honors Golf Club, Mission Hills Country Club, Cedar Ridge Country Club, Cherry Hills Country Club, Wichita Country Club, Brook Hollow Golf Club, Flint Hills National and La Jolla Country Club.

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